Get ready to register

Believe it or not, it’s already time for continuing students to register for the Spring 2016 Semester. The Student Services team will be stationed in the student lounge from Monday, March 14, to Thursday, March 17. Official registration hours will be from 8:30 am to 6 pm on all four days.

In order to register for classes for the May term, students must complete their 2015 taxes and then complete their Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA. Please see Financial Aid if you have any questions or need any help with the FAFSA. Unless students are paying for their tuition with cash, the FAFSA is not optional, so make sure you get those taxes done and the application finished!

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Lobby Day emphasizes importance of TAP funding

Sue Cumoletti, Director of Syracuse Campuses, and Mike Sattler, Downton Campus Director, recently traveled to Albany for the Association of Proprietary Colleges (APC) Lobby Day. They were accompanied by Holly Armstrong, a paralegal student at Syracuse North, and Nancy Felix, a criminal justice major at the James Street campus.

The purpose of the visit was to meet with a number of elected representatives to discuss the importance of the New York State Tuition Assistance Program, or TAP. Many of our students rely on TAP to allow them to affordably attend school.

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Student leaders lobby Albany

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ably attend school.

Another benefit is that, since TAP is a grant rather than a loan, it does not need to be paid back. Events such as APC Lobby Day are crucial because, when contemplating their position on an issue, legislators want to hear from as many interested parties as possible in order to understand how their support or opposition will affect their constituents. In other words, our elected representatives are more likely to continue to support TAP if they've met some of the students who benefit from it.

Upcoming Events

March 9
Online Session II Begins

March 14
Week 9 Grades Available

March 16
ABG Bake Sale

March 22
Red Cross Blood Drive

March 24
ABG Induction Ceremony

April 4
Week 12 Grades Available

April 22
Graduation Rehearsal

April 23
Graduation

April 25
Online Session II Ends

Registration starts March 14

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“We really encourage student to register early before classes fill up,” said Academic Advisor Paul Applebee. There's another distinct advantage to registering early: only those students who register during the week of March 14 will receive a free Bryant & Stratton T-shirt. Students need to make sure they've been cleared by Financial Aid before proceeding. After that, they can just stop by the student lounge, where they will be helped on a first-come, first-served basis. No appointment is necessary, and any adviser will be able to assist students in all academic programs.
Library hosts Information Literacy class

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Head Librarian Julie Zhu spoke to John Adams’ Introduction to Information Literacy class Tuesday, February 23, about accessing the Virtual Library and how to find research materials.

Julie also regaled students with stories of life growing up in China and coming to America, not knowing how to speak English, and seeing her dreams realized. Julie challenged students to dream big, to pursue those dreams and never to give up.

Career Services Corner: Company Research

According to Kristine Perkins of Career Services, “When you apply for a job, it’s important to do your homework on the company. Otherwise, when you get an interview and your interviewer asks, ‘So, what is it about us that drew you to our company?’ you aren’t left stumped or jobless.”

The importance of company extends well beyond the job interview, however. Clues may be found by learning more about who works there, the company’s value and culture, and what current and former employees are saying.

One of your first stops should be the company’s website. You should get a sense of the corporate culture by how the company chooses to present itself in a public forum.

The website can also be a tool to learn about the company’s employees. On the staff page, the company will list some, if not all, of the employees at the company. Here, you can get names (and sometimes contact information) of people who you’d be working with if you got the job.

Once you have that information, you can seek out the employees’ LinkedIn profile to see what kinds of work/projects they do and possibly request an informational interview. Just be sure that you remain professional at all times. If they don’t respond to your request for an interview, respect that decision and move on.

In addition to an official website, most companies these days also maintain a presence on social media.

Look closely at what they’re tweeting, posting, or filming. This is a great way to get a feel for the company’s values. When browsing the social channels of companies, pay attention to the events they’re promoting, the articles they’re sharing, and how they interact with their followers. You might learn something you can include in a cover letter or mention during a job interview.

You might also want to investigate how much people like working for this company. Sites like Indeed and Glassdoor offer inside information about the company, culture, work, benefits, and more.
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OPEN HOUSE & SCHOLARSHIP EVENT

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16TH 4-6PM

LIVERPOOL CAMPUS - 8687 Carling Rd, Liverpool, NY 13090
SYRACUSE CAMPUS - 953 James Street, Syracuse, NY 13203

Meet Admissions Staff, Program Directors, and Alumni Representing Local Employers. Scholarships Will Be Awarded • Tours • Refreshments

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